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I have been a user of Microsoft products since MS-DOS 6.2 I know Microsoft has published quality software and should be allowed to continue doing so. What I disagree on is the marketing tactics that Microsoft has used to expand its business at the expense of third-party competition keeping a level playing field, particularly in the area of office applications and suites. I feel that an appropriate punishment for Microsoft for its violation of antitrust law is the following:

1: The proposed donation of computer equipment and software to poor school districts should be computer equipment purchased by Microsoft, with no software installed, and software being made available through grant money provided by Microsoft for the school districts to spend on software as they wish. School districts can then decide, with the help of IT professionals such as myself and others, which software packages and operating systems they can purchase and utilized on these donated computers.

2: Any Microsoft proprietary document file formats should be made open, and developers should be allowed to have unrestricted access to software development kits to develop programs that can read from, write to, and modify these documents. With this clause as part of a final judgment, better quality software products, such as a version of Microsoft Outlook that contains very few security holes which can be exploited through the spread of e-mail "worm" viruses can be developed.

3: Any standards and protocols that Microsoft has established while it was operating as a monopoly must be made open, with unrestricted access to developer kits and documentation for software and hardware developers wishing to utilize these standards and protocols. Again, this will level the playing field, with better quality products being developed by many manufacturers and developers.

The real issue at hand here is how fair is it to the consumer to allow Microsoft to continue operating under their current business practices.

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